

abundant crops. In these years Joseph gathered a large amount of grain and stored it away for the years of famine that would follow the years of plenty. When the famine came it was felt in Egypt and in other countries as well. When Jacob and his sons had endured the famine two years, all the sons except Benjamin, the youngest, went to Egypt to buy grain. When Joseph's brothers came to Egypt, he knew them but they didn't know him. When his brothers had their sacks of grain Joseph told them they should see his face no more unless they would bring their younger brother with them. When they reached home and went to empty their grain they found their money in their sacks.

When this grain was gone their father told them to go into Egypt and buy more grain but they said Joseph had told them they should see his face no more unless they would bring their younger brother with them, so their father told them they could take him and for them to get what grain they could carry. When Joseph saw them coming and their brother Benjamin with them he told the ruler of his house to bring them home and make ready for them to dine with him at noon. And the man did as Joseph told him and brought them in Joseph's house. When Joseph came home they gave him a present which they had brought him. Then Joseph asked if their father was living yet and they said he was still living and had good health. While Joseph and his brothers were at the table, Joseph sent the ruler of his house to fill their sacks with grain and for him to put each one's money in their sack and for him to put the silver cup in Benjamin's. After they had eaten their dinner and Joseph's brothers were ready to start home Joseph wanted to keep Benjamin while his other brothers would return to their father but Judah wanted Joseph to keep him instead. Judah said if Benjamin would be taken from his father he would die with sorrow. Joseph was so touched by Judah's appeal that he could wait no longer to tell his brothers who he was. So he dismissed all the people from the room and told his astonished brothers that he was their brother Joseph whom they sold to the band of Midianites many years before. Joseph's brothers could hardly believe their brother had been saved and was really with them.

After Joseph had made himself known to his brothers, he promised them and his father a home in Egypt. Then Joseph's father, and his brothers went to Egypt to live, and spent the remaining years of his life there. After Jacob was dead Joseph's brothers were afraid Joseph would hate them and treat them wrong. Joseph's brothers sent a messenger to Joseph to ask his forgiveness for what they had done. But Joseph had forgiven them long before. Joseph's brothers went to him and told him that they would be his servants. Joseph told them that God had used him to save them. He promised them they could still live in Egypt. Joseph lived to be many years old. When it came

time for him to die he blessed his brethren and his children.

Goshen, Ind.

Sisters' S. C. E.

Treasurer's Report of the S. S. C. E. for the Month of December

THEOLOGICAL FUND

Reported,	\$32 70
Mrs. Libbie Stewart on pledge,	1 00
Mrs. Ida M. Shank " "	1 00
Mrs. Phebe Darby " "	1 00
Myrtle Rose " "	1 00
Ladies' A. Society, Carleton, Neb.,	3 00
California State Mission Board,	1 35
North Manchester, Ind. S. S. C. E.,	2 00
Roann, Ind. " "	66
Dunlap, Ind. " "	70
Fair Haven, Ohio " "	2 00
Williamstown, Ohio " "	1 00
Campbell, Mich. " "	90
Milledgeville, Ill. " "	2 40

To treasurer of Ashland University, 50 00

Balance, 71

HOME MISSION FUND

Reported,	\$54 91
Williamstown, Ohio S. S. C. E.,	1 00
Roann, Ind. " "	66
Campbell, Mich. " "	90
To treasurer of N. M. B.,	\$10 00
Balance,	\$47 47

SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND

Reported,	\$113 22
Middlebranch, O., S. S. per Mrs. Wise,	1 32
Middlebranch, O., S. S. C. E. per Mrs. Wise,	2 23
Roann, Ind. " "	68
Dunlap, Ind. " "	70
To Brother Holsinger,	\$10 00
To Brother Nickolson,	10 00
Balance,	\$98 15

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Our Young People

THE RISEN LIFE; CHRIST'S; OURS

Luke 24: 1-12; Col. 3: 1-10.

(Easter Service)

HOME READINGS

Mon., Mar. 24, A proved immortality, 2 Tim. 1:6-11
Tues., " 25, A prepared immortality, Titus 1: 1-4.
Wed., Mar. 26, A safe immortality, Ps. 121: 1-8.
Thur., " 27, A free immortality, Rom. 6: 18-23.
Fri., " 28, A glad immortality, Isa. 25: 1-8.
Sat., " 29, A victorious immortality, 1 Cor. 15: 51-58.

Easter day is always joyous because it reminds us of our great hope of eternal life. There is joy in this hope for the sorrowing because it points to a glad reunion with loved ones. There is joy for the unfortunate because it points to a life free from pain and want. There is joy for all those who have hope because love casteth out fear and there is anticipation of nothing but blessedness in the presence of God. The only persons who find no joy in the thought of the resurrection are the unrepentant who fear to face the consequences of their deeds.

Probably none of these will study this topic but its glad message should be carried by the rest of

us and a special effort should be made to win all around us to an acceptance of the resurrection hope.

SCRIPTURE HELP

1. The world had no clear conception of the resurrection before Christ. Job. 14: 14.

There is little said of the future life in the O. T. perhaps because the people were too prone to fall into the way of ancestor worship which was common with other nations. There are indications that the Jews were not entirely free from it.

But the abode of the dead, called sheol in Hebrew, was a gloomy cavern in the lower regions. For a picture of it read Ezek. 32: 17-32.

In Jesus' day the Pharisees believed in the resurrection, but the Sadducees did not, and the heathen world had only vague ideas about it.

2. Life without the hope of immortality loses a fountain of joy. 1 Cor. 15: 19.

Let the society name some of the joys which would be taken away if our hope of eternal life were destroyed.

3. The basis of our hope—the promise of God. Titus 1: 2.

It is not only promised but it is inwrought in the very heart of nature. It was decreed before the world began.

4. Jesus the first-fruits. 1 Cor. 15: 20.

From his risen life therefore we may learn something of what ours will be.

5. The body will be spiritual. 1 Cor 15: 42-44, 50.

Immortality does away with limitations of space and spirituality does away with limitations of time. The location of heaven or hell is not a matter of geography but a matter of attitude toward God. All expressions describing the spiritual life in terms of the material are to be taken figuratively and not literally.

6. "We shall know each other there." 1 Cor. 13: 12; 1 Thess. 4: 18.

Many passages might be given which indicate this altho we are not to expect family and social circles just as we have them here. Matt. 22: 31.

7. We shall continue in joyful service. Rev. 22: 3.

Heaven is not to be thought of as a place of idleness. There will be activity and service.

8. The life eternal that Jesus gives begins here. John 3: 36; 1 John 3: 2.

Do not think that the Christian must wait for his reward until the judgment. Life begins with the new birth here.

9. For those risen with Christ death is abolished. 2 Tim. 1: 9-11; John 11: 25, 26.

As Mr. Moody wrote on the margin of his Bible opposite this last verse "Born once, die twice; born twice, die once."

10. For those risen with Christ there is no judgment, John 5: 24 (R. V.) save that of reward, Rev. 22: 12.

11. Therefore let us be steadfast. 1 Cor. 15: 58.

12. And seek the things above. Col. 3: 1-3.

FOR DISCUSSION IN THE MEETING

1. How is Christ's resurrection a proof of ours?
5. Which is worst, to live wholly for the next world or wholly for this?
3. How can we best prepare for the next world?
4. What is the sting of death? Why?
5. Do all our experiences here help to prepare us for eternity?
6. Ought anyone desire death?
7. What is life eternal? John 17: 3.
8. Do all our deeds have eternal results? If so ought we not be careful of even the little things?
9. How can we best give to others our resurrection hope?